

Dear Chairman Powell and Commissioners,
In an era of reality (Hah!) shows and sound bite mentality, our citizenry is in dire need of real information concerning the candidates in every election. I agree with the following message:

"As a citizen who wants to be informed about the political and electoral issues that affect my life, I am greatly disappointed by the lack of informative television programming.

"Local public affairs programming is virtually non-existent.... Our democracy is at risk when many Americans don't know basic facts about the candidates or the issues.

"The FCC should define meaningful public interest requirements that include local civic and electoral affairs programming.

"As the elections approach, a well-functioning democracy demands that citizens have access to a diversity of opinions and voices on the choices confronting us."

Sincerely,

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